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U.S. Patent 5,138,719 is believed to be an English language equivalent of European Patent 0 371 850 and is being provided in lieu of a translation of EP 0 371 850.

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German Patent DE 93 10 294 U1 and German "Katalog Merck: Verbrauchsmaterialien und Geräte," January 1999 (1999-01), MERCK EUROLAB GMBH, Darmstadt, XP 002235787, page 112.2. are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies are attached for the Examiner's review; however, translations of these items are not available at this time. Applicant(s) will forward the translations as soon as they become available.

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List of Patents and Publications for Information Disclosure Statement

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